

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 4.214 Ha of forest land [3.015 Ha in Kurnool Division & 1.199 Ha in Proddatur WL Division] for erection of 765 KV D/c Kurnool–Thiruvelam Transmission Line, in favour of DGM (CAO-TL), Proddatur, Powergrid Corporation of India Ltd. - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 43

Dated: 26-04-2016

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF& HoFF, AP, Lr Rc.No.29820/ 2011/ FCA-3, Dt:30-5-2014.
2. State Govt. Lr.No. 3759/ Section-II/2014, Dt.27-6-2014.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No.4-APB 001/2014-CHN/26, Dt:23-7-2014.
4. State Govt. Lr.No.3759/ Section-II/2014, Dt.19-1-2016.
5. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No.4-APB 001/2014-CHN/0675, Dt. 18-3-2016.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.214 Ha of forest land [3.015 Ha in Kurnool Division & 1.199 Ha in Proddatur WL Division] for erection of 765 KV D/c Kurnool–Thiruvelam Transmission Line, in favour of DGM (CAO-TL), Proddatur, Powergrid Corporation of India Ltd. and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change,, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage-II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.214 Ha of forest land [3.015 Ha in Kurnool Division & 1.199 Ha in Proddatur WL Division] for erection of 765 KV D/c Kurnool–Thiruvelam Transmission Line, in favour of DGM (CAO-TL), Proddatur, Powergrid Corporation of India Ltd., subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 4.214 Ha of forest land [3.015 Ha in Kurnool Division & 1.199 Ha in Proddatur WL Division] for erection of 765 KV D/c Kurnool–Thiruvelam Transmission Line, in favour of DGM (CAO-TL), Proddatur, Powergrid Corporation of India Ltd., subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The State Forest Department, Andhra Pradesh shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (C.A) over 2.5 Ha degraded forest area of Compt. No.33, Bhanukotamala Reserved Forest of Muddanur Range and over 6.6 Ha degraded

forest land at Compt. No.36 Thungabadra Reserve Forest in Adoni at the cost of User Agency.

- iii. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of the Central Government for change of location of compensatory afforestation site or schedule, if any.
- iv. Additional Amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land of any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
- v. State Forest department shall carry out raising plantation of dwarf species preferably medicinal plants in the Right of Way under the transmission line at the cost of User Agency.
- vi. User Agency shall not damage any flora and fauna of forest land adjacent to the proposal forest land for diversion while executed of works.
- vii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- viii. The Forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sub lease to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
- ix. The total forest area utilized for the projects shall not exceed 4.214 Ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- x. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No.7-25/2012-FC dated. 5th May, 2014 and provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
- xi. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area in public interest shall be complied by the user agency.
- xii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable to pay penalty as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
 Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
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 Handloom Export promotion Council Building
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 The DGM (CAO-TL), Proddatur, Powergrid Corporation of India Ltd..
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER